

# The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

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## The BIRTHDAY Issue

### SALIDA BIKE FEST TOUR

Kathy & Joe Stommel  
John Campbell

Salida is a charming small town in central Colorado with a BIG biking community, and this September DBTC will join in the fun. This brand new tour will span six days in Salida from Tuesday, September 9 through Sunday, September 14 and will coincide with their annual Bike Fest activities.

#### Register by August 1st!

Salida is known as the "Gem of the Rockies," has been listed in the guidebook for "America's 100 Best Small Art Towns," and is home to Colorado's largest historic district. The downtown area was designed as one of only two Colorado Creative Districts with more than enough art galleries to explore all week, along with breweries, a vodka distillery, quaint outdoor cafes and fine dining.

New tour leader, Kathy Stommel, and co-leader veteran John Campbell have planned an



## DBTC Annual Picnic at Prospect Park

Saturday July 19, 2014

### IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Put the date on your calendar and choose one of our special **50/50 rides** (50 miles, 50 kilometers and 50 minutes) that celebrate our club's 50 year anniversary. All will start at the picnic shelter. See the ride schedule for start times as the ride times will vary.

Lunch will be served as riders are returning, between 12 and 1. There'll be a \$5 charge per person for the picnic, which includes a **FREE Birthday Surprise!**

**Register by going to the club's website: [www.dbtc.org](http://www.dbtc.org).**

### Picnic Helpers needed!

We need a few people to help with the picnic such as grilling burgers and helping with set-up and clean-up. Many hands make for fun and light work!

To volunteer contact Cyndy Klepinger 303.725.1565  
or [matilda8@msn.com](mailto:matilda8@msn.com).

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## Board Meeting

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome to attend. The next board meeting dates are Tuesday, July 1st and Tuesday, August 5th at El Senor Sol, 2301 7th St., 6PM. If you wish to address the board, contact the secretary, Carolyn Bauer: secretary@dbtc.org, or 303.740.8491 so that your topic can be placed on the agenda.

## Words from the President

### Let DBTC Treat You

DBTC is always looking for ways to make rides more interesting. This year we are encouraging ride leaders to treat their riders.

#### A few simple rules:

The ride and the treat must be announced in the newsletter. The ride leader can submit a receipt up to a maximum of \$3.00 per rider. If there are 10 riders a leader could buy pizza for \$25 or get drinks averaging \$3.00 or less or buy ice cream cones.

The receipt and the signed waiver sheet should be submitted to: DBTC, PO Box 260517, Denver CO 80226-0517 for reimbursement.

There is an annual cap on the expense so you better get your rides submitted to your coordinator!

Patty has sold her condo in Frisco, so can anyone have the ice cream social at their place in the mountains in August?

Contact ridecoordinator@dbtc.org and she will be glad to fill you in on the details.

– Brad



## A Big Thank You...

to everyone who came out on a hot afternoon to help us put together 100s of rider packets for the Denver Century Ride! In return, we were able to contribute a promo flyer—introducing the DBTC—to be included in the DCR's Goodie Bags.

And lunch was on the Club! Your efforts went a long way in helping to get our club noticed. Left to right: Gary Goins, Helen Berkman, Cyndy Klepinger, Ken Lieb & Lise Neer.



**Pictures and Articles for the Newsletter...** This newsletter belongs to the members. If you have pictures or an article to share, please email them to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org). Only send one or two pictures so you don't clog up my computer! Be sure to include details about who, when and where the picture was taken. If you have a photo to mail, contact the Ride Coordinator for the address. Remember we must give credit to the author. If you are a writer with an article of interest, we may make you a published author! The deadline for publishing is the 20th, but please send your articles earlier.

# New Tour Leaders Provide Weekend of Fun in Fort Collins (aka "Fort Fun!")

by Lin Hark

Five new Tour Leaders and twelve total participants enjoyed a cloudy weekend in Fort Collins June 6-8.

DBTC now has five new tour leaders who will soon be leading their own tours, thanks to the training by our Out Of Town Tour Director, Ellen Chilikas and her assistant Carolyn Bauer. For the past two months, these new tour-leaders-in-training worked hard to organize and execute a wonderful bike trip to Fort Collins on the first weekend in June.

The rain and flooding didn't stop these persistent trainees or participants, and as you look at the pictures you will see a great time was had by all. This weekend tour was structured as a full package trip, per the Club's standard practice to include lodging, happy hour(s) and an occasional meal at one price for all participants.

Twelve participants enjoyed a tour of New Belgium Brewery, a beautiful ride up the Poudre River canyon to the Mishawaka Restaurant (shown in the surrounding photos), and a Sunday ride along quiet country roads to the Owl Canyon area North of town. Each ride required last-minute revisions due to flooding of the bike trails, but everyone still had a great time—whether taking the full route or a self-guided alternate.

This weekend tour was done at a very reasonable price, including an excellent hotel, several meals and happy hours and the planning and leading of routes with maps and cue sheets. The consensus was that planning an out of town tour is a lot of work, but well worth the effort for the economical price for participants. A bicyclist would pay much more for such a well organized tour by any professional tour company.

Next time you see one of these hard working ride and tour leaders, ask them about their ideas for upcoming tours. You are sure to get an earful! Thanks goes to our new tour leaders Helen Berkman, Cyndy Klepinger, Kathy Stommel, Richard Gieseler and Lin Hark. This trip may be offered again, so keep an eye on the newsletter for a future weekend.



*A justly-named side road along Poudre Canyon.*



*Everyone enjoyed a most generous tour de brew!*



*Kathy & Joe Stommel setting the pace...*



*While waiting for the rest of the gang to show up, we asked these nice people to sit in for them...*



*...and we all made it!*

# June Wildflowers a Highlight of the Day on the Dirty Bismarck

On a recent Saturday, a couple of club members did a loop on the Dirty Bismarck, also known as that fun mountain bike trail circling the inside of the Morgul Bismarck. The trailhead is officially at Marshall Mesa, but these two riders took a bus from Denver and jumped off at the Superior Park&Ride.

Grasses so tall, their seed-heads gently brushed our handle bars and obscured all but the nearest few yards of the trail ahead. Wildflowers of every kind announced their colorful selves, while the Flat Irons loomed nearby. Summer's heat would soon be upon us, but the day's cloud cover made for a cool and breezy ride.



Check out Bicycle Colorado's Blog:  
**5 Ways to Get a Friend into Cycling**  
[bicyclecolorado.org/  
5-ways-to-get-a-friend-into-bicycling/](http://bicyclecolorado.org/5-ways-to-get-a-friend-into-bicycling/)



## Salida Bike Fest Tour *from pg. 1*

action-packed week of adventures including the following highlights...

- Before checking into our hotel, we'll lead an optional ride on Leadville's Mineral Belt trail.
- Five nights lodging with continental breakfast, WiFi, in-room microwaves, refrigerators
- Ride to Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort where we will enjoy a leisurely soak and lunch
- Ride to Poncha Pass summit
- Two group meals and refreshments at happy hour gatherings
- Tours of a vodka distillery and a local brewery
- Participation in several Bike Fest events including group road ride, evening social event, bike parade, live music and much more. See full schedule at [www.salidabikefest.com](http://www.salidabikefest.com)
- Day off with options for hiking, mountain biking, fishing, exploring nearby ghost towns or any other outdoor activity you can imagine.

**Tour participants should be independent, FUN/INT level riders** capable of doing their own tire and bicycle repairs if needed. SAG support will be provided only on the day we ride to Mt Princeton Hot Springs so you won't have to worry about carrying your swimsuit and towel. **While the tour routes are on paved roads, we also welcome DBTC members who are willing to find their own mountain bike routes.**

The Salida bike tour is priced at \$425 for all participants which includes five nights lodging, three group meals, activities listed above and guided routes. Sorry but we can't accept requests for camping or any other exceptions to the package price.

This tour will definitely fill up fast so don't wait; send your check for \$425 made payable to John Campbell, along with DBTC liability waiver and registration/medical form to: John Campbell, 6531 S. Logan St, Centennial, CO 80121. **Registrations must be received by Friday, August 1st.** Remember that registration funds are non-refundable but may be transferrable.

Direct questions to: [cyclekats@gmail.com](mailto:cyclekats@gmail.com), [john@onedenverplace.com](mailto:john@onedenverplace.com) or by phone to John at 303-797-0250.



# Cruisin' Cape Cod and Nantucket Tour

Sunday May 31 – Saturday June 6, 2015

Ellen Chilikas -- outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com

I've found a new outfitter who runs fun and interesting tours. International Bicycle Tours (IBT) is going to run a tour just for DBTC in June 2015, and the owner of the company is going to lead it! We'll stop at museums and other interesting places. We spend three nights in Cape Cod and then ferry to Nantucket Island for 3 more nights.

## Cape Cod is a bicyclist's paradise:

you pedal past cranberry bogs, fishing villages, beaches (Atlantic Ocean and Cape Cod Bay) on bicycle trails and quiet neighborhood streets. Visits

to a cranberry museum, a natural history museum, whaling museum and lifesaving museum are on the agenda as is a beer tasting at the only brewery on Nantucket.

The tour includes double occupancy hotel rooms, full daily breakfast and dinner (lunch, drinks and snacks are on your own), use of hybrid bikes (you must use these bikes), all entrance fees and a knowledgeable guide. It also includes a shuttle for our group from Boston Logan airport to Cape Cod on the afternoon of Sunday 5/31 and a shuttle from Nantucket Island back to Boston Logan airport on Saturday 6/6. We all need to take the same shuttle so we will need to arrange our flights to arrive/depart close to the same time. Those flying in early will need to be at Boston Logan airport at a designated time to catch the shuttle—no exceptions. If you miss the shuttle, you will need to find your own way to Cape Cod to meet up with the group.

This is not a trip for really fast or really slow cyclists—

it's an advanced Fun or easy Intermediate tour. The group needs to ride together—we will use the signpost system and have a front and rear leader—you can't go ahead of the group or fall behind the group. You must be an experienced and strong cyclist—mileages will be ~25 miles a day with a pace of ~10mph on a fatter tire hybrid bike. We'll be riding mostly on bike paths and quiet streets but we will encounter traffic as well.



Cost for the tour is ~\$1425/person—the exact amount will depend on how many people sign up—minimum is 18 and maximum is 22. A reasonable single supplement is also available. \$25 of the tour cost will go to the DBTC.

A detailed

itinerary is available on request.

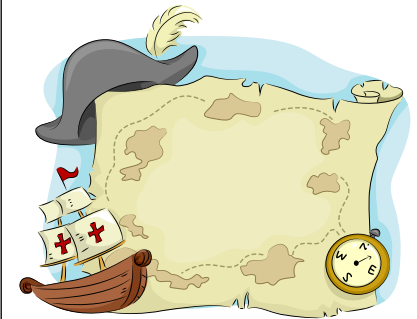
**To reserve your spot**, make out a check to IBT for \$400 and send it to Ellen Chilikas, PO Box 471803, Aurora, CO 80047. Signups will be first come, first served; you are not signed up until your check is received. **Deposits are due NLT 9/15/14**. All monies are transferable and not refundable; that means if you need to drop out, you will get refunded *only* if your spot can be filled. Trip insurance is recommended, and information on insurance will be sent to you prior to final payment in early 2015. Contact Ellen with questions at outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com.

We will have a **limerick contest** on the trip—we have to since we are going to Nantucket! Clean limericks only—nothing obscene—but it just seems appropriate. The winning limerick will be published in the newsletter!

# Map Help Wanted

As many of you know, DBTC's main source of income, our popular map is sorely outdated. The last update took place in 2011; since then, several changes have occurred on streets & trails, and we have additional light rail stations—more of which will be opening in the coming year.

The current batch of maps will be sold out by year-end. **Without this important source of club funding**, we will soon be forced to increase dues, and/or charge more for events such as the picnic and volunteer recognition luncheon.



## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Contact Doug Schuler (Mapsales@dbtc.org) to join the update crew. **All it involves is to get out and ride your bike**, then submit any changes you've noticed on your favorite routes (this also gives you the chance to discover some new rides in your area and see new sights while noting what changes need to be made on our map this year). We could also use a Map Update Coordinator, who will take all the updates from our riding reviewers (ideally one from each quadrant: N, S, E and W), and work with the map printer to get it amended and printed by season's end.

It only takes a little extra time, a few more miles on your steed, and lots of help from our former Map Coordinator, Steve Ingraham. **THANKS IN ADVANCE!!**

# CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER, JEFF K. COVERS MILES OF SMILES

Dave Noble's Well-Attended Wednesday Ride on June 18



## Superior–Marshall–Louisville Ride Gets a New Twist by Jeff Krinsky

The ride on Saturday May 24 included a tour of Rock Creek, Old Town Superior, Marshall Mesa, and the trails of Louisville. Kevin Purdy, who is from Louisville, introduced us to a better way to complete the uphill loop. It includes a major winding switchback (see photo, right) that reminded me of Lombard Street, the infamous winding road in San Francisco. (I will

officially incorporate this hidden gem into my next ride through Louisville!) Lunch followed at the new Doug's Day Diner at Rock Creek Village, our meeting place in Superior.



## 2014-15 DBTC Activity and Tour Calendar

Email the tour contact for more information. Email Ellen ([outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com)) to add your tour or trip to this list.

**Sept 9 – Sept 14 , 2014**

### Salida Bike Fest Tour

Trip Type: Road/MTB options

Lodging: Hotel

Location Details: Salida, CO

Leaders: Kathy Stommel & John Campbell

[cyclekats@gmail.com](mailto:cyclekats@gmail.com)

[john@onedenverplace.com](mailto:john@onedenverplace.com)

Status: Open—Register by Aug. 1st

**May 31 – June 6, 2015**

### Cape Cod & Nantucket Tour

Trip Type: Cruiser bikes!

Lodging: Hotel

Location Details: Cape Cod, MA

Leader: Ellen Chilikas,

[outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com)

Status: Open

Visit [DBTC.org](http://DBTC.org) and click on "Tours" for updates on trips, and to learn how to organize your own tour or trip in 2015!

## Memorial Day Ride Blessed with Fine Weather



Above: Going up Mount Carbon

Right: A flat or two immediately as the ride kicked off could not keep the Deerings down. (Darrell and Jean Deering)

Below: A well-deserved break at Hudson Gardens.



### DBTC SPONSORING SHOPS

DBTC members receive a 10% discount off purchases (excluding bicycles and sale items) at these sponsoring retailers.

ARAPAHOE CYCLERY  
6905 S BROADWAY  
UNIT 169  
LITTLETON CO 80122  
303-797-1858  
arapahoecyclery.com

ARVADA BICYCLE COMPANY  
6595 WADSWORTH BLVD  
ARVADA CO 80003  
303-420-3854  
arvadabike.com

BIG KAHUNA BICYCLES  
8246 W BOWLES AVE  
UNIT J  
LITTLETON CO 80123  
720-981-5199  
bigkahunabicycles.com/site/intro.cfm

Discount Includes 10% discount on bikes!

BIKESOURCE #7  
2665 S COLORADO BLVD  
DENVER CO 80222  
303-759-5099  
bikesourcedenver.com

BIKESOURCE #8  
2690 E COUNTY LINE RD  
LITTLETON CO 80126  
303-221-4840  
bikesourcedenver.com

CAMPUS CYCLES  
2102 S WASHINGTON ST  
DENVER CO 80210  
303-698-2811  
campuscycles.com

CHERRY CREEK VELO  
1435 S HOLLY ST  
DENVER CO 80222  
303-691-5650  
sampsonsports.com  
No discount on labor.

CYCLE ANALYST  
722 S PEARL ST  
DENVER CO 80209  
303-722-3004  
cycleanalystinc.com/

DERBY BICYCLE CENTER  
410 E 104TH AVE  
THORNTON CO 80233  
303-288-4100  
derbybicyclecenter.com

ELEVATIONS  
2030 E COUNTY LINE RD  
LITTLETON CO 80126  
303-730-8038  
bicyclepedalr.com/

FOOTHILLS CYCLING  
4990 KIPLING PKWY  
SUITE B-7  
WHEAT RIDGE CO 80033  
303-420-0815  
foothillscycling.net

GOLDEN BEAR BIKES  
290 NICKEL ST SUITE 100  
BROOMFIELD CO 80020  
303-469-7273  
goldenbearbikes.com

GOLDEN BIKE SHOP  
722 WASHINGTON AVE  
GOLDEN CO 80401  
303-278-6545  
goldenbikeshop.com

GREEN MOUNTAIN SPORTS  
12364 W ALAMEDA AVE  
LAKEWOOD CO 80228  
303-987-8758  
greenmountainsports.com

PEAK CYCLES  
1224 WASHINGTON ST  
STE 145  
GOLDEN CO 80401  
303-216-1616  
bikeparts.com

SCHWAB CYCLES  
1565 PIERCE ST  
LAKEWOOD CO 80214  
303-238-0243  
schwabcycles.com  
No discount on Shimano and Campagnolo

SPORTS PLUS  
1055 S GAYLORD ST  
DENVER CO 80209  
303-777-6613  
sportsplusdenver.com

TREADS BICYCLE OUTFITTERS  
16701 E ILIFF AVE  
AURORA CO 80013  
303-750-1671  
treads.com

TREADS BICYCLE OUTFITTERS  
16701 ILIFF  
AURORA CO 80013  
303-690-2900  
treads.com

TREADS BICYCLE OUTFITTERS  
3234 S WADSWORTH BLVD  
LAKEWOOD CO 80227  
303-781-1162  
treads.com

## Attention Ride Leaders...

There is a new addition to our Ride Sign-in Sheet. When you download it from the website you will notice there are now three pages in the document. The first two still contain our waiver info and entry spaces for riders to fill in. The new, 3rd page is an optional sign to place at your ride start location. Feel free to slip it into a page protector sleeve, tape inside your car's rear window (when parking head-in), or leave on your dash. There's no obligation, but one of our members thought the idea would be useful for promoting our club, so thanks in advance for your help!



Be sure to check the ride schedule so you can mark your calendar for upcoming events. We have several MTB trips to the mountains, as well as trail building events. For the others, we will have rides in Winter Park, Idaho Springs, Boulder and throughout the metro area.

### DBTC Members Joining/Renewing in May

BRUCE BLAIS  
JULIE BROOKS  
AMANDA FAURE  
GREG FAURE  
BRIAN FIELD  
PHIL GEE  
CAROL GERBER  
KATHRIN HARRELL  
JEFFREY HERZFELD  
CANYON HILL  
COLTON HILL  
DAN HILL  
HOWIE HILL  
LISA HILL  
JACK HURNEY  
JANET JONES  
MICHAEL KING  
LIANNE LOCKEY

## 2014 Advance Planning Calendar

July 12, 2014  
**Tour de Ladies**  
Parker, Colorado  
[www.tourdeladies.com](http://www.tourdeladies.com)

July 12-13  
**Triple Bypass**  
[teamevergreen.org](http://teamevergreen.org)  
Evergreen, CO

July 13-18  
**Tour de Wyoming**  
[cycleywoming.org](http://cycleywoming.org)  
Riverton, WY

July 19  
**DBTC Summer Picnic  
& 50/50 Rides**  
[dbtc.org](http://dbtc.org)  
Prospect Park,  
Wheat Ridge, CO

July 19  
**Moonlight Classic**  
[moonlight-classic.com](http://moonlight-classic.com)  
Denver, CO

July 19  
**Tour de Steamboat**  
[rockypeakproductions.com](http://rockypeakproductions.com)  
Steamboat Springs, CO

July 19-22  
**Courage Classic**  
[couragetours.com](http://couragetours.com)  
Copper Mountain, CO

July 20-26  
**RAGBRAI**  
[ragbrai.org](http://ragbrai.org)  
Rock Valley, Iowa

July 26  
**COCO Century**  
[http://www.active.com/  
ordway-co/cycling/races/  
coco-century-2014](http://www.active.com/ordway-co/cycling/races/coco-century-2014)  
Ordway, CO

July 26  
**Colorado-Eagle River Ride**  
[vailvelo.com](http://vailvelo.com)  
Beaver Creek, CO

August  
**Greenwood Goosechase**  
[goosechase.org](http://goosechase.org)  
Greenwood Village, CO

August 2  
**Copper Triangle Alpine  
Classic**  
[coppertriangle.com](http://coppertriangle.com)  
Copper Mountain, CO

August 2-9  
**CANDISC – Cycling Around  
North Dakota In Sakakawea  
Country**  
[candisc.net](http://candisc.net)  
Garrison, North Dakota

August 3-9  
**Colorado Rocky Mountain  
Bike Tour**  
[crmbt.com](http://crmbt.com)  
Colorado Springs – Crested  
Butte Loop

August 16  
**Circle the Summit (aka Bob  
Guthrie Memorial Ride)**  
[Circlethesummit.com](http://Circlethesummit.com)  
Frisco, CO

August 16  
**Tour de Cure**  
[diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)  
Longmont, CO

August 23  
**Venus de Miles**  
[venusdemiles.com](http://venusdemiles.com)  
Boulder County, CO

September 6  
**CF Cycle for Life**  
[http://fightcf.cff.org/  
site/TR/Cycle/22\\_  
Colorado\\_Denver?fr  
id=2546&pg=entry](http://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/Cycle/22_Colorado_Denver?fr_id=2546&pg=entry)  
Highlands Ranch, CO

September 7  
**Buffalo Bicycle Classic**  
[buffalobicycleclassic.com](http://buffalobicycleclassic.com)  
Boulder, CO

September 14  
**Ride Westcliffe Adventure**  
[ridewestcliffe.com](http://ridewestcliffe.com)  
Westcliffe, CO

September 18-21  
**Tour of the Vineyards**  
[Coloradowinefest.com](http://Coloradowinefest.com)  
Palisade, CO

September 19-21  
**Mickelson Trail Trek**  
[MickelsonTrail.com](http://MickelsonTrail.com)  
Custer, SD

September 19-21  
**Pedal the Plains**  
[pedaltheplains.com](http://pedaltheplains.com)  
Eads, CO

September 20-22  
**Moab Century Tour**  
[skinnytirefestival.com](http://skinnytirefestival.com)  
Moab, UT

September 27  
**Tour de Cure**  
[diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)  
Colorado Springs Area

October 4  
**Tour of the Moon**  
[tourofthemoon.com](http://tourofthemoon.com)  
Grand Junction, CO

October 4  
**Santa Fe Gourmet Classic**  
[santafegourmetclassic.com](http://santafegourmetclassic.com)  
Santa Fe, NM

October 19  
**Rock 'n' Roll Denver Bike  
Tour**  
[runrocknroll.competitor.  
com/2012/04/denver/  
denver-bike-tour-26092](http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/2012/04/denver/denver-bike-tour-26092)  
Denver, CO

For additional cycling event listings, visit the following Website:  
[kansascyclist.com/events/Colorado.html](http://kansascyclist.com/events/Colorado.html)



# DBTC SUMMER 2014 50th Season!

Summer is here and the season goes fast, so join us for some interesting rides. Be sure to read the schedule to plan your rides so you don't miss the 50th BIRTHDAY BASH, a day in Winter Park, rides in Boulder, MTB trips to the mountains and exploring the metro area.

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If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) by the 20th for the next newsletter or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

Many of our members love winter sports and want to continue enjoying the outdoors with their DBTC friends. The DBTC Message Board will be our main means of communication through the winter months. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember not all members have email so if you have it in the newsletter all members are notified.

**Rides are cancelled** if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or it is raining or snowing. Be ready to start at the time listed – tires pumped up and bike ready. The ride leader is not a mechanic so if your bike needs repair, please take it to the shop.

**Ride Locator:** There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website – [www.dbtc.org](http://www.dbtc.org). It provides the information you need to use Map Quest or Google Maps to make a map to the starting location.

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) by the 10th for the following newsletter or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

## DBTC's E-Mailing Lists

Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all e-mailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted. If the weather is "iffy", a ride leader can post a notice to let you know if the ride will go or be cancelled.

**DBTC Message Board** is the DBTC General E-Mail List. To join, send an e-mail to: [ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## DBTC Mountain Biking E-Mail List

To join, send an e-mail to:

[COmtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:COmtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Twitter** account is @DenverBikeClub – note that many members do not tweet.

**DBTC Meetup group** at [www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/) be used to post rides as well. Once you have posted your ride, we will review the ride information to be sure it complies with the club requirements then upload it to the MeetUp web site where you can edit your ride. MeetUp is open to the public and can increase the number of riders on your rides and, hopefully, club members. Rides cannot conflict with the ride schedule. If you have registered with MeetUp, we will post your scheduled rides. **We are also on Facebook** if you want to share pictures or bike related news.

The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only e-mail messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via e-mail only if you have so requested.

**You can join any or all groups.** After you send the e-mail requesting to join, you will be contacted via e-mail with a confirmation. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember that only club-related activities can be posted. We reserve the right to cancel any posting we don't think is appropriate. See the website for posting rules.

## Please Note:

Joining Facebook or any other group does not make you valid member of the DBTC.

If your e-mail address changes, you must send your new e-mail address to the DBTC webmaster ([webmaster@dbtc.org](mailto:webmaster@dbtc.org)). The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via e-mail only if you have so requested.

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## Guidelines for Posting a Last-Minute Ride (via MeetUp or Yahoo) Dale Trone

The purpose of the schedule is to allow us to provide a variety of rides throughout the metro area. Depending on last-minute rides does not meet that goal; however, there are times when no ride is scheduled within a reasonable driving distance so you might want to add an alternative.

### The guidelines for posting last minute rides are:

1. The leader must be a member
2. There can't be a similar ride on the published schedule
  - a. Geography – a ride in Parker is NOT similar to one in Golden

- b. AND start time – a 9 AM ride is NOT similar to a 3 PM ride
  - c. AND speed type – ROAD and FUN rides are NOT similar
  - d. AND distance – a 35 mile ride is NOT similar to a 20 mile ride
3. When a last-minute ride appears to fall into the gray area such as 20 vs 25 miles, FUN rides starting an hour apart with start locations both in Aurora, then contact the scheduled ride leader to see if s/he feels the ride would compete. It might be better to simply join the other ride.

# July 2014 Ride & Event Schedule

## Summer Riding Guidelines

**Weather:** No thunder, lightning or rain  
**Clothing:** wear layers and SUNSCREEN!  
**Other:** bring water, repair items and a snack

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Roses – Leisurely (Avg. 8-10 mph) Fun – Comfortable (10-12) Int. – Brisk (12-16) Road – Fast (16-20+) ATB – Unpaved Roads MTB – Mountain Bikes	H1 – Flat H2 – Some Hills H3 – Hilly H4 – Serious climbs Two ratings: technical skill T1 to T4 and Physical exertion P1 to P4	This is an estimate – options may be offered	NW NE SE SW W	Arrive early enough to unload your bike and be ready to leave at the time shown.

**ROAD RIDES:** All road rides are posted on the DBTC MeetUp group <http://www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/>. To receive credit as a leader you must submit a completed waiver form with at least 3 signatures.

**Wednesday, July 2nd** **“Roses” H1-20 8:30 AM SE** Meet *Judy Deist*, 303-841-4792, CP 303-906-4305 at the Broncos Parkway Trailhead, entrance on So side of Broncos Parkway between Jordan Rd. and Parker Rd. for a ride along the Cherry Creek Trail. This fairly new section of trail is one of last remaining gaps in the trail between Castlewood Canyon and Confluence Park. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant following the ride.

**FUN/INT-SHOW AND GO** Meet at the same time and place as the “Roses” riders and head the other direction toward Parker.

**MTB, P2, T2, 6:00 PM, Lair of the Bear. SHOW AND GO.** Lair of the Bear Open Space Park is about 5 miles west of Morrison on Hwy 74. The parking lot is on the south side of the road.

**Friday, July 4th** **MTB P3, T3, 8:00 AM, Copper Mountain to Camp Hale.** THE RIDE: Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) for a day of serious climbing on section 8 of the Colorado Trail. The ride (26 miles, 3,900 feet of elevation gain) starts with a 3,100 foot climb to Searle Pass (12,027 feet) through beautiful alpine meadows and forests. Traverse to Kokomo Pass (12,022 feet), then descend/ascend to Camp Hale (9,400 feet). Be prepared for a long day and bring rain gear. THE DIRECTIONS: Meet at the Copper Mountain overflow parking lot (east side of Hwy 91, ¼ mile south of the turnoff to the Conoco station) at 8:00 AM. We will then sort out the car shuttle and start the ride. THE FOOD: Because it is July 4th, restaurants are likely to be packed. Therefore bring a dish to share for a tailgate party after the ride.

**Saturday, July 5th** **FUN-H2-20-NW 9:00 AM LIMERICK RIDE** Meet *Jeff Krinsky* at the Majestic View Nature Center north parking lot (north on Wadsworth to W 72nd Ave, west on 72nd just west of Carr on the south side.) The theme of this ride is LIMERICKS so have your favorite rhyme ready or just enjoy those of others during the LIMERICK break. A surprise will be provided to all participants! The ride will go west on Ridge Road and Van Bibber Creek Trail, north on the new Blunn Trail and then return on the Ralston Creek Trail. See you there!

**INT-H2-25-W-8:30** Meet *Pete Steel* at the Morrison exit parking lot across from the Conoco. The ride will go Rooney Rd or bike path to Golden east on 32nd then 26th to Garrison then south to Florida using Jewel Alameda and south on Rooney Rd returning to Morrison

**MTB P2, T2, 10:00 AM, Peaks Trail starting from Breckenridge.** THE RIDE: Meet *Russ Peterson* (720-299-8269) for 9 miles of single track riding and 9 miles of paved bike path/road riding. The ride (18 miles, 1,400 feet of elevation gain) begins at the Gondola parking lot at Breckenridge, climbs roads to the start of the Peaks trail and then takes single track to Frisco. We return to Breckenridge via the paved bike path. THE DIRECTIONS: Meet at Breckenridge Station Transfer Center on Watson Avenue at 10:00 AM. (Public bathrooms are located 100 yards South of the Gondola Station, near intersection of North Park Avenue and Watson Avenue.)

**Sunday, July 6th** **FUN-H1-35-50-NE-7:30** Meet *Doug Schuler* at Cake Crumbs Bakery and coffee shop located at 2216 Kearney Street Denver. Back to the start no later than noon. The length will be from 35 miles up to 50. The routes are all on city streets or county highways going east as far as Strassburg. These rides are also posted at Cake Crumbs, Estrella Bike shop, Denver Bicycle and the Bike Depot for non-club members

**FUN-H2-30-SE 8:00 AM** Meet *Gaar Potter* at the Eisenhower Park Recreation Center Parking lot (SE corner of Colorado Blvd and Dartmouth) to cap off your 4th of July weekend with a nice cool early start as we ride to Littleton Cemetery and Chapel Hill Cemetery. A couple of nice shady stops AND we will ride fast to beat the heat!

**FUN-H2-25-NW-9:00 AM** Meet *Merri Bruntz* (303-517-9781) at Crown Hill Park (26th & Garrison) for a ride south to Alameda west to Morrison via Rooney Rd. We will then return via Morrison Rd to the Stone House and then north back to Crown Hill via Lakewood neighborhoods.

**Monday,  
July 7th**

**FUN-H1-22-SE 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-854-8767) at DeKoevend Park on University Blvd for a ride on the Highline Canal through Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village. The ride is on a gravel bike path. An optional lunch after the ride is at Shanghai Gardens.

**Wednesday,  
July 9th**

**"Roses" H1/H2-17-NE 8:30 AM** Meet *Dave Noble* (home 303-694-2008, cell 303-906-3163) for a ride on the Farmer's Highline, Signal Ditch, and Lee Lateral bike trails and then through Eastlake Park. Lunch will follow at Cinzetti's restaurant. (Directions to start: From I-25 and 104th – exit 221 – go west and take first north/right turn into the Marketplace Shopping Center. Drive north to rear of shopping center and park in front of Cinzetti's). Bring a snack, and money for lunch if you are planning to join us at Cinzetti's.

**FUN/Int-H2 to H3-20-Boulder 9:30 AM** Meet *Sandi Bianchi* 303 810 0794(C) at the east side of the Safeway parking lot at Foothills and Baseline for a ride along Bear Creek bike path to Table Mesa and then grunt our way up to NCAR. If you're faster than Sandi, you have to climb it twice!! Regroup for views of Boulder and the Front Range. Make a speedy descent down and leisurely tour the Table Mesa neighborhood, crossing Broadway and returning on the Marshall road and Cherryvale, before jumping back on the bike path to reach the parking lot. Optional lunch is afterward at Italian restaurant nearby.

**MTB, P2, T2, 6:00 PM, North Table Mountain. SHOW AND GO.** Meet at the secret lower parking lot, which is reached by traveling north on Hwy 93 to the north end of Golden. You will see a large sign that says "Pine Ridge Road – Ford Street." Turn right and go a couple of blocks to Wyoming. Turn left and drive through the residential area until you see a parking lot on your left sandwiched between two single family houses.

**Saturday,  
July 12th**

**FUN-H2-25+-NW 8:00 AM** Meet *Tom Hurja* (303-903-4449) at Davie's Chuck Wagon, far northwest side of parking lot along W 26th Ave. west of Kipling for a ride to Golden via Clear Creek path. Stop at the Golden Library for a snack, then return. Bring lock and \$ for lunch afterward.

**FUN-H1-26-SE 9:00 AM** *Gary Pratt* will lead a ride south along the Cherry Creek Trail towards Franktown. Meet at Cornerstar in the parking lot east of Panera Bread, 6770 S Cornerstar Way (southwest corner of Parker and Arapahoe Roads). Thanks to Bike Aurora for inviting us on their ride!

**INT-H3 4-40-W-8:30 AM** Meet *Mary Jenkins* at Idaho Springs in the parking lot behind Beau Jo's for a ride up to Bakerville. Lunch afterwards in Idaho Springs

**MTB, P2-3, T2-3, 10:30 AM, Peaks Trail (Frisco to Breckenridge and return)** THE RIDE: Good technical challenges in places, but nothing a solid intermediate rider should have issues with. Very fun ride and a Summit County classic! THE DIRECTIONS: Take exit 201 from I-70 and turn left at the end of exit ramp. Just across the interstate there is a parking lot on the right. THE FOOD: Cheer on the Triple Bypass riders after the ride from the path just off of the parking lot. Bring whatever munchies suit your fancy.

**Sunday  
July 13th**

**FUN-H2-25-NW 9:00 AM** Meet *Merri Bruntz* (303-517-9781) at Crown Hill Park (26th & Garrison) for a ride south to the Stone House and then east along the Bear Creek Trail connecting to the South Platte Trail. We will then ride north to REI and then back to the start via the Highland and Wheat Ridge neighborhoods

**FUN-H2-30-SE 8:00 AM** Twenty Parks Tour SE. Meet *Gaar Potter* (303-691-0938) at Eisenhower Park (Colorado Blvd. at Dartmouth). We will follow the shade through SE Denver. Ride is mostly on quiet streets. Remember Circle Park? I do.

**Monday,  
July 14th**

**FUN-H1-26-North 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-854-8767) at Twin Lakes Park at 70th and Broadway for a ride up the Clear Creek Trail to the Ralston Creek Trail to Westwood golf course and back. The ride is on paved bike trails, some streets and a short distance on gravel road. An optional lunch is at Mickey's Top Sirloin.

**Wednesday,  
July 16th**

**FUN-H1-22-SE 8:30 AM** Join *Ida Sansoucy* 303-888-4485 at South High School parking lot for a ride to Stapleton and an east Denver Parks loop. Lunch is at Duffy's (Louisiana and South Pearl).

**"Roses" H1-20-SW 8:30 AM** Meet *Peggy Occhiato*, 303-850-9731 at Reynolds Landing, ( 1 mile north of Carson Nature Center at 6745 S Santa Fe Dr.--where the center divider on Santa Fe ends opposite a driveway to a Mobil Home Park, and another to a construction site. Take that one all the way to the end to the parking lot.) Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant.

**MTB, P2, T2, 6:00 PM, Lair of the Bear. SHOW AND GO** Lair of the Bear Open Space Park is about 5 miles west of Morrison on Hwy 74. The parking lot is on the south side of the road.

**Thursday,  
July 17th**

**MiniCrew:** MiniCrew is a small group of mostly mountain bikers which works in conjunction with Jefferson County Open Space to maintain local trails on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month, May thru September. We don't get details of where we are working until it's almost time for the event, so it's important that you use the website [www.minicrew.org](http://www.minicrew.org) for sign up. This allows us to get in touch with you via e-mail, usually by Monday of the week we will be on trail. This also allows Jefferson County Open Space trails staff to get our MiniCrew to spots that need some immediate repairs. All the locations are close to Golden, so we can get a few hours on trail after work and before the sun goes down. If you have trouble with the sign up, please contact *Fred Berry* at 720-840-8596 or [fred.berry@gmail.com](mailto:fred.berry@gmail.com).

**Friday,  
July 18th**

**FUN-H2-28-NE East Denver Bike Trails Ride.** Meet *Helen Berkman* (720.355.5687) at 9:00 am at Cycleton, 7480 E 29th Ave., for a fun Friday ride to include new and old trails and greenways and celebrate (we hope) the reopening of the Sand Creek Trail. Optional lunch afterwards at the new Bistro in Stapleton, then go home to rest up for the annual picnic next day!

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 19th 50TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY BASH & ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**

**INT/ROAD-50-H2/3-WNW 8:00 AM** Meet *Lise Neer* and *co-leader—to be determined at start time* (303-249-8621) at Prospect Park picnic shelter for a big celebratory ride that heads West, then loops clockwise through Lakewood, Bear Creek Lake Park and over to Red Rocks and Lookout (up the easy side and down the scenic side) for a classic foothills tour that culminates in Golden and returns to the picnic via Easley and 52nd Ave. Prepare well with plenty of water & snacks for a hot Summer ride with some climbing fun thrown in. (It's July, and you're in shape by now, right?) This is a no-drop ride. [www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/453619332](http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/453619332)

**FUN/INT-H2-50K-NW 9:00 AM** Meet *Jeff Krinsky*, 720-373-9107 at Prospect Park (by the picnic shelter) for an exciting ride to the Golden Circle and, if time permits, over the death-defying Arvada Reservoir! We will then return on the Ralston Creek and Clear Creek Loop. All survivors will be rewarded with a Bar B-Q, a sense of accomplishment, and a surprise 50th Anniversary Treat! [www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/453350354](http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/453350354)

**FUN-H2-50K (~30 miles)-NW 8:30** Meet *Wes and Dianne Chowen* at Prospect Park DBTC Club Picnic. We will explore the construction of the gold commuter rail line.

**Leisure-50 minutes – 10:30 AM** This group will take a leisurely ride toward Golden on the bike trail. You can ride out for 35 minutes and then turn around and coast back down to the picnic site (should take only 15 mins. on the way back). The group will elect the leader.

**MTB P2T2 South Table Mtn 10:00 AM** This ride is a good part on local street and trail. But at Rolling Rock Country Club, a dirt trail can be found for exploring South Table Mtn. Prepare for a nice climb on a gentle ancient lava trail, a loop on the top, and a return via secondary streets. The area on top always seems surprisingly large. Total distance is about 15 miles with about 1000' feet of climbing.

**Saturday,  
July 19th**

**COLORADO TRAILBLAZERS:** Please come out to help build a new trail with the Colorado Trailblazers! Our third trail building day of the season is on July 19th at Reynolds Park in Jefferson County. The new Reynolds to North Fork Trail will serve to: 1) establish a regional connector trail to the west end of section 1 and east end of section 2 of the Colorado Trail at the South Platte for non-motorized trail users; 2) open Reynolds Park as a trailhead for MTB riders; and 3) conceptually provide a foundation for additional trail alignments to section 2 of the Colorado Trail and loops to trails in the Buffalo Creek Recreation Area. The new trail will have approximately 10 miles of varied terrain, composed of recovering burned hillsides with spectacular views to rocky features on steep hillsides, and a ponderosa forest canopy. In order to have enough crew leaders, tools, food and beverages, we need everyone to sign up (no charge) at [www.coloradotrailblazers.org](http://www.coloradotrailblazers.org). All details will be provided on the sign up website for time, location, etc. If questions, please contact *Fred Berry* at 720-840-8596 or [fred.berry@gmail.com](mailto:fred.berry@gmail.com). Remaining trail Days for 2014 are: July 19th and the Epic at Buffalo Creek mountain bike festival the weekend of September 12 - 14. Online registration for the July Trail Day is open on the [www.coloradotrailblazers.org](http://www.coloradotrailblazers.org) website. The Epic at Buffalo Creek will be up on August 1st, 2014. Mid-week trail day events are in the planning stages and will be scheduled soon. Make plans now to come out, join us and have some fun building and riding new, challenging trails to demonstrate the passion of MTB's, youth groups, runners and hikers for giving back to our local community!



**Sunday,  
July 20th**

**FUN-H1-35-50-NE-7:30 AM** Meet *Doug Schuler* at Cake Crumbs Bakery and coffee shop located at 2216 Kearney Street Denver. And be back to the start no later than noon. The length will be from 35 miles up to 50. The routes are all on city streets or county highways going east as far as Strassburg. These rides are also posted at Cake Crumbs, Estrella Bike shop, Denver Bicycle and the Bike Depot for non-club members

**FUN-H2-25+SW 8:00 AM** Meet *Tom Hurja* (303-903-4449) at the Stone House (2900 S Estes-Lakewood) for a ride to Chatfield S.P. and the marina via Bear Creek and South Platte River Paths. Lunch afterward is at the New Happy Chinese Restaurant. (Bring lock and \$)

**MTB P4, T4, 10:00AM, Kenosha Pass** THE RIDE: Join *Kathy Basel* (720-217-5692) for this beautiful summertime favorite. The columbines will be in bloom, the views are always spectacular and the single track is some of the best anywhere. Be prepared for a tough day above 9,000 feet, with roots, rock gardens and plenty of climbing. It's all rewarded with luscious views of South Park County and the mountains surrounding Fairplay and beautiful passageways through stands of aspens and meadows of wildflowers. We'll ride this as an out-and-back, so there's plenty of challenge for everyone. Please bring plenty of water and food for this epic ride. THE DIRECTIONS: From Denver, drive southwest on Hwy 285 approximately 50 miles. The trailhead is located on the right side of the road, at the top of Kenosha Pass. There is parking on both sides of the road. Car pooling: Meet at the Fort Restaurant just north of Hwy 285 on Hwy 8. Be there in time to make all the arrangements and depart by 9:00AM. THE FOOD: Bring plenty of food - and water - for during the ride. We'll stop in Conifer on the way back for more.

**Monday, July 21st** **FUN-H2-25-SW 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-854-8767) at the Platte River Grill located at 5995 Santa Fe Drive. From C-470 take the Santa Fe Dr. exit going north for about 3 miles. The Platte River Bar & Grill is on the left (West) side. Enter the parking lot and drive to the rear of the restaurant and park towards the rear of the lot. We will ride the Platte River trail South to the Lee Gulch Trail to the Highline Canal Trail to the top of the Chatfield reservoir dam back to the Platte river trail . The ride is on paved and gravel bike trails. An optional lunch is at the Platte river grill.

**Wednesday, July 23rd** **"Roses" H1-20-NW 8:30 AM** Meet Bob Munns 303-255-6013 at Northwest Open Space Recreation Park. From I-25 and 104thAve., go about a mile west to Quivas/Pecos St., then north to Northwest Open Space parking lot. We will take the Farmers High Line Canal through the E.B. Rains Memorial Park to the Signal Ditch Trail. This ride is mostly flat and goes through interesting, varied terrain. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant following the ride.

**FUN/INT-H2-29-SE 9:30 AM** Meet Russ Tempelman (303-617-0261) at the Piney Creek Trailhead which is located near Parker Road and Orchard. From Parker Road, go East on Orchard Road and turn right at the first stop light into the parking lot. There are no bathroom facilities at the trailhead but we will stop at the Rec Center which is located only one mile from the start. We'll wind our way out to the Reservoir on the Piney Creek Trail and then various streets. It is 8 miles around the Reservoir. All the trails are paved. The total mileage for the ride will be about 29 miles.

**MTB, P2, T2, 6:00 PM, North Table Mountain. SHOW AND GO** Meet at the secret lower parking lot, which is reached by traveling north on Hwy 93 to the north end of Golden. You will see a large sign that says "Pine Ridge Road – Ford Street." Turn right and go a couple of blocks to Wyoming. Turn left and drive through the residential area until you see a parking lot on your left sandwiched between two single family houses.

**Saturday, July 26th** **FUN/INT-H2-30-W 10:00 AM** Meet in Winter Park, or 8:30 at I-70 & Morrison Road Park & Ride Stegosaurus Parking lot (SE side of intersection) to carpool. Meet *Anne Gerleman*. 970-531-7441 at the Winter Park Ski Area entrance then take the first right into the Vintage parking lot next to the Cabriolet. We will ride into town on a bike path that follows the Fraser River into Winter park then Fraser. From there we will head out of town on a paved two lane county road.. The route follows Pole creek as it passes by the Murphy Cattle Ranch with views of Byers Peak and Sheep Mountain. The terrain is rolling hills with not much traffic on the weekend but no shoulder. Lunch afterwards in Winter Park. And you might want to check out the Colorado Free Ride Fest at the Resort.

**FUN-H2-26-SE 9:00 AM - Aurora Reservoir** Join *Dick Shelton* for a ride around Aurora Reservoir. Meet at Woody Creek Bakery in Southlands, 6240 S Main St (northwest corner of Smokey Hill Road and Aurora Parkway). 16 miles with a short climb on the way back. Thanks to Bike Aurora for inviting us on their ride.

**MTB P3, 2.5 (in places), 10:30 AM, Staunton Ranch State Park.** THE RIDE: From high grassy meadows at 8,100 feet to soaring granite cliffs over 10,000 feet, Staunton State Park makes for a great ride. Join ride leader *Dick Plastino* (303-988-5359) and bike trails that will work your tail off. But then you'll be rewarded with a 3 mile downhill on Mason Creek back to the parking lot. This is a dream ride for those weird riders who like to grunt uphill mile after mile. THE DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 285 south to Shaffers Crossing, about 6 miles west of Conifer. Turn north on Elk Creek Road and follow the signs 1.5 miles to the park entrance. Car pooling: Meet at The Fort Restaurant just north of Hwy 285 on Hwy 8 at 9:45 AM. There is an entrance fee of \$7 per car at the trailhead, so Car pooling is frugal. There really is no alternate parking. THE FOOD: Parking lot picnic: just bring the usual artery clogging chips, meats, crackers, desserts, dips and beverages. Bring a chair if you have one.

**Sunday July 27th** **FUN-H2-28-SW 9:00 AM – Secret Trails of the SW** Meet *Bob Shedd* (720-290-6014) at the RTD Littleton Downtown Station, on the west edge of the parking lot located at Alamo Avenue & Prince Street. Bob has added several quality miles to his route south and west on "secret" bike paths (all fully paved) in the Columbine and Ken Caryl areas. Optional lunch afterward is at Merle's Restaurant on Main Street, within 3 blocks of the starting location.

**INT-H1-30-SE 8:00 AM** Meet *Ellen Chilikas* at Village Greens Park at the northeast corner of Union and Dayton near Cherry Creek reservoir. We'll ride through the park and then down Jordan Rd to the Cherry Creek bike path into Parker. We'll ride at a fast Intermediate pace. Our destination is the Parker farmer's market—have a small breakfast since there are lots of delicious things to eat at the market! We'll shop some and then head back, using signposts rather than maps. PLEASE BRING A LOCK AND A BACKPACK TO CARRY BACK ANYTHING YOU BUY!

**Monday, July 28th** **FUN-H1-26-Central 9:00 AM** Meet *Wayne Tomasello* (720-854-8767) at Cuernavaca Park for a ride on the Platte River Trail North to 104th street and Back. The ride is on paved bike trails. An optional lunch is at My Brothers Bar.

**Wednesday, July 30th** **"Roses" H1-20 SW 8:30 AM** Meet *Peggy Occhiato*, 303-850-9731 at the Tennis Bubble, Federal & Bowles, Littleton in the rear parking lot for a ride on the Platte River Trail. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant following the ride.

**FUN/INT-H2-20-SW 9:00 AM** Let's do something different and ride some scenic hard packed dirt trails Meet at Highlands Ranch Redstone Park at corner of W Town Center Dr and Aspen Creek Dr. Leader *Kathy Stommel*, cell #719/671-5579, will start from the parking area near the tennis courts on the far north east side of Redstone Park. We will ride a loop north on the Highline Canal trail to Lees Gulch trail then west to Platte River Trail and south to C470 trail and finally east back to Redstone Park. The route will be mostly on hard packed dirt trails so mountain bikes or hybrid bikes will work best. Optional lunch afterwards is at nearby Mexican food restaurant. Directions to Redstone Park: From C470 exit south on Santa Fe Dr (Hwy 85), drive south on Santa Fe Dr approx 1 mile to Town Center Dr. Turn left onto Town Center and Redstone Park will be on the south side of street. Continue to far east side of the park to intersection with Aspen Creek Drive then turn right to the tennis court parking area.

**MTB, P2, T2, 6:00 PM, Lair of the Bear. SHOW AND GO.** Lair of the Bear Open Space Park is about 5 miles west of Morrison on Hwy 74. The parking lot is on the south side of the road.

## Old Bikes

**Have any old, unused, or unwanted bikes around the house? Two organizations are accepting donations:**

The **Bike Depot** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community bike shop that supports Denver communities with a wide range of bicycling programs, services and products. We have a full service Bike Shop offering new and used bikes and accessories, an affordable [Service](#) menu and a [Fix Your Bike](#) program where you can come to our shop and utilize our space and tools with the help of our Volunteer Mechanics. Donated Bicycles are recycled to low income local residents through our [Earn A Bike](#) programs or refurbished and sold in our bicycle shop to support all of our community service programs. For more info, visit [thebikedepot.org](http://thebikedepot.org).

The **Golden Optimist Club** operates a bicycle workshop at Heritage Square in Golden for eleven months a year. They accept new or used bicycles to be fixed and donated to those who want one. The bicycles are given to the people on the Hopi and Navajo reservations in northern Arizona. Every year a group of Optimists takes the bikes to Arizona to distribute and repair any bikes already there. Howard Bagdad, former DBTC President, heads the volunteer group which includes several DBTC members working on the bikes throughout the year. To donate a bike or to become a volunteer helping refurbish the bikes, contact Howard at 303-278-0541 or [hbagdad@aol.com](mailto:hbagdad@aol.com). Go to [www.GoldenOptimists.org](http://www.GoldenOptimists.org) for more information about the Optimists.



Taking a trip?  
Going on vacation?  
Taking your bike?

DBTC has bike boxes  
ideal for travel.

Contact Gaar Potter: 303-691-0938  
or [gaarpo@comcast.net](mailto:gaarpo@comcast.net)

## Detour Alert

There is construction on the underpass at 104th Avenue on the Platte River trail. A severe washout also exists about a mile or two south of 104th Ave.; approximately 200' of trail is destroyed, and the trail is out of service from McKay Road to the north side of 104th Ave. A sign posted at Elaine Valente park states that repairs will be completed by Adams County in July.

